

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Christoph Andreas ROTH and Harry T. HALL, IV

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is a Form PTO-1449, which lists 56 references in reverse chronological order. Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

As this statement is being submitted before the first Office Action or within three months of the filing date, no fee is believed to be due. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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